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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof:

wherein

R is a C_{1-16} straight or branched-chain alkyl, optionally substituted by C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; provided that the compound is not:

- a) 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-butyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S);
- b) 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-phenylmethyl-2 (hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S);
- b)e) 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-nonyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3S,4R,5S); or
- c)d) 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-dodecyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S); or
- e) 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-(1-phenyl)ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S).
- 2. (original) A compound as defined in claim 1 wherein the hydroxyl group at position3 is in the R configuration.
- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (original) A compound as defined in claim 3 wherein R is C_{3-10} straight chain alkyl.

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- 5. (currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-propyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-pentyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-heptyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-butyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3S,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-nonyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-(1-ethyl)propyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-(3-methyl)butyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-(2-phenyl)ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5 piperidinetriol, 1 (3 phenyl)propyl-2 (hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-(1-ethyl)hexyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S) and
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-(2-ethyl)butyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-[(2R)-(2-methyl-2-phenyl)ethyl]-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-[(2S) (2-methyl-2-phenyl)ethyl]-2-(hydroxymethyl), (2S,3R,4R,5S)
- and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.
- 6. (previously presented) The compound 3,4,5-piperidinetriol, 1-pentyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-, (2S,3R,4R,5S), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
- 7. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof:

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wherein

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optionally together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients and/or diluents.

8-20. (canceled)